

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 26, 41, and 46 and add Claims 48-49 as follows:

1. (Previously Amended-Once) A flocked transfer consisting essentially of a release sheet, a release agent on the release sheet, and flock on the release agent; the flock being formed in a desired pattern; the release agent holding the flock to the release sheet, wherein the transfer is adhered to a substrate and wherein the substrate is applied using a thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

2. (Previously Amended-Twice) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is a thermoplastic blank or thermoplastic blank film.

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16. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the release agent and release sheet are located on a first surface of the flock and the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is positioned on a second surface of the flock and the first and second surfaces are in an opposing relationship.

17. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet comprises polyurethane.

18. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the hot melt sheet is cut, before application to the flocked transfer, to correspond to a shape of the flocked transfer.

19. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet comprises at least first and second parts, the first and second parts having differing properties.

20. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 19, wherein the first and second parts have differing melting temperatures.

21. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 19, wherein the first part contacts the flock and is located between the second part and the flock and wherein the first part has a higher melting temperature than the second part.

22. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 19, wherein the first and second parts have differing viscosities when the first and second parts are melted.

23. (Previously Amended-Once) The flocked transfer of Claim 19, wherein the first part contacts the flock and is located between the second part and the flock and wherein, when the first and second parts are melted, the first part has a higher viscosity than the second part.

24. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 19, wherein the first and second parts are in the form of films and the films are laminated together.

25. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is preformed before application to the flock and substrate.

26. (Currently Amended) A flocked transfer comprising a release sheet, a release agent on the release sheet, and flock on the release agent; the flock being formed in a desired

pattern; the release agent holding the flock to the release sheet, wherein the free surface of the flock is in direct contact with a thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

27. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the transfer is adhered to a substrate and the substrate is applied using the thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

28. (Previously Amended-Once) The flocked transfer of claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is a thermoplastic blank or thermoplastic blank film.

29. (Previously Amended-Once) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the flock comprises a plurality of flock fibers, wherein the release agent and release sheet are located on a first surface of the flock, and wherein the free surface and the first surface are defined, respectively, by opposing ends of the flock fibers.

30. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet comprises polyurethane.

31. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the hot melt sheet is cut, before application to the flocked transfer, to correspond to a shape of the flocked transfer.

32. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet comprises at least first and second parts, the first and second parts having differing properties.

33. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 32, wherein the first and second parts have differing melting temperatures.

34. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 33, wherein the first part contacts the flock and is located between the second part and the flock and wherein the first part has a higher melting temperature than the second part.

35. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 32, wherein the first and second parts have differing viscosities when the first and second parts are melted.

36. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 35, wherein the first part contacts the flock and is located between the second part and the flock and wherein, when the first and second parts are melted, the first part has a higher viscosity than the second part.

37. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 32, wherein the first and second parts are laminated together.

38. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is preformed before application to the flock and substrate.

39. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein there is no binder adhesive between the flock and the thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

40. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein there is no binder adhesive between the flock and the thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

41. (Currently Amended) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the flock comprises a plurality of flock fibers and at least most of the plurality of flock fibers are in direct contact with the hot melt sheet.

42. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 27, wherein the substrate comprises rubber.

43. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 42, wherein a fringe material extends outwardly from peripheral edges of the substrate.

44. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises rubber.

45. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 44, wherein a fringe material extends outwardly from peripheral edges of the substrate.

46. (Currently Amended) The flocked transfer of claim ~~[[26]]~~ 49, wherein the free surface ~~of the flock is in direct physical contact with~~ is adhered directly to the thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

47. (Previously Added) The flocked transfer of Claim 46, wherein at least most of the free surface is in direct physical contact with the thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

Please add the following new Claims 48-49:

48. (New) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the adhesive component of the hot melt sheet consists essentially of a thermoplastic hot melt material.

49. (New) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the adhesive component of the hot melt sheet consists essentially of a thermoplastic hot melt material.